

REMARKS

The present Amendment leaves claims 7-28 unchanged and adds new claims 49-90. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 7-90.

Applicants' Attorney, the undersigned, Applicants' Japanese Representative Mr. Masashi Tsukamoto and the Inventor Dr. Nobuyasu Kanekawa wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy extended during the interview of October 7, 2005. During such interview all of the claims as presented herein were discussed and the differences between the features of the claims and the references provided by an Information Disclosure Statement, namely the Hitachi Data Books 1 and 2 and the Japanese Laid Open Application No. 1-258466, were discussed.

As agreed during the interview, these references whether taken individually or in combination with each other or in combination with any of the other references of record "do not teach or fairly suggest the pending claims of the case". Further, it was agreed that "upon updated search, if there is no reference teaching the claims, the case would be allowed".

Therefore, based on the above and the discussions held during the interview the claims as submitted by the present Amendment are allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.

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